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## FOREIGN.

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FRANCE.

A HERCULEAN SLOUR.

PARIS, May 31.—A most revolting sight presented itself this morning in the Place de la Roquette. Thirty-three Communists, among them seven women, were shot in a body at 4 o'clock this morning. The prisoners were brought up, under command of General Gallifet, in detachments of 10 or 12 each, and placed behind their bodies, and then passed by the men shooting through a double line of soldiers, each having reached the ground in front of the wall. Those who fell dead to rise, were raised in a row, and made to kneel down once together. There was nothing of the military pomp but these many armed men, the dead and dying, and the stern, grim faces of the officers. Those who had any ties to live and ready to die, refused every support but the arm of a friend, and walked with a firm step to the wall. Those who had no friends, or dared not be known, were brought up by the guards, and began to cry! Heartrending shrieks and wails, as other prisoners, and, with the fear of death upon them, they were forced to the wall. Others, who had fainted, were dragged up, and, after the fire, shot. Some, who were in the middle of the line, and partially shielded by the bodies of those in front, fell, but rose to their feet, and, with blood streaming from their heads, begged for mercy. Others, who were not touched, threw themselves on the ground, and, with the cries of children, begged for their lives. Those who were wounded

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## THE LAW COURTS.

### Interesting Decision Involving the Title to Real Estate.

Opinion of Justice Thornton, of the Supreme Court.

The Adam Murray Estate—Decree Reversed.

O'Neill Awarded a New Trial—The Convict Constable.

### Illinois Supreme Court.

AGENDA OF SET-OFF.

The case of Lander Brothers vs. James G. Burch et al., which we noted last fall, a decision of which was rendered by Judge Thornton, and which involves the question of the validity of a set-off, was submitted on the briefs of counsel. The opinion was rendered yesterday, and is as follows:

This was a bill in chancery, filed by appellees, to foreclose a mechanic's lien. The bill alleges that appellees, on the 15th day of May, 1869, entered into a written contract with appellants, by the terms of which they agreed to furnish the material and do the work necessary to erect a certain building for appellants, in the city of Chicago, according to certain plans and specifications, for the sum of $3,500; that they did furnish the material and do the work, and that there is due them, after allowing all credits, the sum of $1,000, for which they ask a decree. Appellants answer, admitting the contract, but say that appellees have not performed the work in accordance with the plans and specifications, and that they have been damaged by reason thereof in the sum of $1,000, which they claim by way of set-off. They also say that appellees have been paid all they are entitled to, and that they owe them nothing. The cause was referred to the Master, Marsh A. Ling, to take the proofs and report his conclusions of law and fact. He reported that appellees had performed the work in accordance with the plans and specifications, and that appellants had been damaged by reason of the non-performance of the contract by appellees in the sum of $1,000, and that appellees were entitled to a decree for the balance due them, after allowing appellants the amount of their damages. To this report appellees filed exceptions, which were overruled by the Court, and a decree was entered in accordance with the report. From this decree appellees appeal.

It was the business of the Master to ascertain the amount of damages sustained by appellants by reason of the non-performance of the contract by appellees. The evidence before him was conflicting. Appellants' witnesses testified that the work was not done in accordance with the plans and specifications, and that it would cost $1,000 to make it so. Appellees' witnesses testified that the work was done in accordance with the plans and specifications, and that it would not cost more than $200 to make it so. The Master found that the work was not done in accordance with the plans and specifications, and that it would cost $1,000 to make it so. The Court below approved the report of the Master, and rendered a decree in accordance therewith. We think the finding of the Master was one of fact, and that the decree of the Court below was correct. If the work was not done in accordance with the plans and specifications, appellants were entitled to damages, and the amount of their damages was a question of fact, to be determined by the Master. The decree is affirmed.

Mr. Justice Thornton delivered the opinion of the Court.

Mr. Justice Scholfield, dissenting.

### United States Circuit Court.

THE HON. DAVID DAVIS, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, presided in this Court yesterday for the first time. The Court was opened at 10 o'clock, and a number of motions were disposed of.

Judge Drummond devoted the day to the consideration of motions for new trials in cases pending in this Court.

### United States District Court.

In BANKRUPTCY.—Before Judge JOHN C. DODGE, Ex-Officio.

Edward Rawson et al.—Petition for discharge. Granted.

A petition in the matter of the application of Sanford Gifford et al., Executors of the last will and testament of Adam Murray, deceased, for the sale of real estate, was filed. The petition sets forth that the said Adam Murray died seized of the following-described real estate, to wit: [Here follows description.] That the said Adam Murray died on the 15th day of May, 1871, leaving a last will and testament, which has been duly admitted to probate by the Probate Court of Cook County, Illinois, and letters testamentary issued to the petitioners, who have duly qualified as such executors. That the said Adam Murray left him surviving no children, but left him surviving his widow, Mary Murray, and his brothers and sisters, and the children of his deceased brothers and sisters, as his heirs-at-law. That the said Adam Murray died indebted to the estate in the sum of $1,000, and that the personal estate is insufficient to pay the same. That the said Adam Murray left a will

## GAMES AND PASTIMES.

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### Base Ball.

The New York papers are unanimously devoted to the interests of base ball, and, as a consequence, they devote a large amount of space to the discussion of the merits of the various clubs. Each paper has its favorite club, and it is not to be expected that the opinions of the different papers will agree. If they did agree, there would be no base ball